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CITIZENS MOBILIZED FOR ROAD LABOR

Decree Law No 747 of 30 December 1949 on Contributions for the Opening and Maintenance of Roads, effective 1 January 1950, includes the following provisions:

Article 1. -- The Executive Committees of the districts are responsible for taking the following measures, in connection with the opening of new national and local roads within their districts and in connection with the maintenance of existing roads within their districts:

Mobilization of the entire male population of the district between 18 and 45 years of age for a period of not more than 6 days per year. Those working in state institutions or in economic enterprises and those regularly attending schools and courses of instruction shall be exempt.

Mobilization of mechanized or primitive means of transport for use in the district, whether owned privately, by economic enterprises, or by state, cooperative, or social institutions, for a period of not more than 3 days per year. The owners of these vehicles /presumably including animals, if not mechanized/ must provide fuel, fodder, and drivers and all other things necessary for their operation.

Article 2. -- The owners of the vehicles shall be recompensed for the length of time they work, according to the pay scale currently in force, as well as for the hire of their vehicles and for the work of attendants.

If the attendants of the vehicles are not exempt from this levy under Article 1, the time they work shall be counted toward their 6 days.

Article 3. -- Citizens performing compulsory labor, under the terms of this Decree Law, on the building or maintenance of roads shall be compensated for all the time they work according to the pay scales in effect.

Article 4. -- Citizens subject under this Decree Law to work on national or local roads who evade this obligation shall be punished by corrective labor of not less than 10 days.

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Article 5. -- Owners of means of transport who in any way evade the mobilization of their vehicles and do not make them available to the authorities in charge at the proper time shall be punished by a fine of not less than 1,000 lek or by imprisonment.

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